

operation. On initiation of the load-out cycle from the PLC, the metering gate moves to its full open ("course") position and initiates sludge flow. When approximately 70% of the desired load is reached (in most instances approximately 35,000 lb in approximately two minutes), the PLC moves the gate to an intermediate position until 95% of load-out is reached. The gate then closes to the "fine" position until 100% of the load-out weight (approximately 50,000 lb) has been completed. The PLC then closes the gate completely, terminating load-out.

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A marked up version of the foregoing replacement paragraphs is included herein under the heading entitled, "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

The indicated change does not include any new matter and merely serve to bring the Detailed Description of a Preferred Embodiment into conformity with the Drawings.